

McG: GOP

Hired 50

Demo 'Spies'

LOS ANGELES — (UPI)

— George McGovern charged today that Republican efforts to undermine and conduct espionage on the Democrats involved 50 operatives hired for that sole purpose.

McGovern made his charge in a speech prepared for a conference of United Auto Workers and members of the International Association of Machinists employed in California's aerospace industry.

Its purpose was to assure them they would not be put out of work in a McGovern administration.

The Democratic presidential nominee did not offer any evidence to document his contention that 50 people were employed in the GOP undercover operation.

He referred to reports in the Washington Post about the attempted bugging of Democratic headquarters in Washington, D.C., and about attempts to throw the Democrats into disarray during their primaries with falsified letters and impersonations over the telephone.

The Republicans, McGovern said, "hired at least 50 people, at substantial salaries, to sabotage and corrupt our political process. They hired 50 people to conduct some of the shabbiest undercover operations in the history of American politics."